

INTERIOR BOARD OF INDIAN APPEALS

Kenneth and Debra Gullickson v. Acting Aberdeen Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

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United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS INTERIOR BOARD OF INDIAN APPEALS 4015 WILSON BOULEVARD ARLINGTON, VA 22203

KENNETH and DEBRA GULLICKSON, : Order Dismissing Appeal

Appellants

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v.

: Docket No. IBIA 91-104-A

ACTING ABERDEEN AREA DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Appellee : February 5, 1992

Appellants Kenneth and Debra Gullickson sought review of a May 17, 1991, decision of the Acting Aberdeen Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA; Area Director), denying their application for a U.S. Direct Loan in the amount of \$210,155. Because appellants' notice of appeal indicated that it might be productive for the parties to engage in further discussions concerning possible modifications to the requested loan, the Board stayed proceedings before it.

On December 16, 1991, the Board received a copy of an October 10, 1991, letter from the Area Director to appellants. The letter states:

We have completed a review of your application for a BIA Direct Loan in the amount of \$105,000. We are pleased to inform you that your application has been tentatively approved in a reduced amount of \$103,200.

We have reduced the requested amount by \$1,800 by reducing your budget to purchase bulls to \$6,000.

The tentative approval is contingent upon availability of loan funds. You will be formally notified when we receive these funds. Approval is also contingent on your compliance with the conditions outlined in the attached Commitment Order. If you are in agreement with these conditions, you should sign and date this form in the presence of the Agency Superintendent. All conditions that require your action must be met prior to loan closing.

Once loan funds become available and are delivered to the Agency Office, you will be notified of an appropriate date to close the loan with the Agency Credit Officer.

By order dated December 17, 1991, the Board gave appellants until January 20, 1992, in which to inform it whether or not the Area Director's October 10, 1991, letter adequately addressed their appeal. Appellants were informed that if they failed to show cause why the appeal should be maintained on the Board's docket, it would be dismissed.

Appellants did not respond to the Board's order to show cause. Therefore, pursuant to
the authority delegated to the Board of Indian Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 CFR
4.1, this appeal from the Acting Aberdeen Area Director's May 17, 1991, decision is dismissed.

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Kathryn A. Lynn
Chief Administrative Judge
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Anita Vogt
Administrative Judge